

TROPICAL CYCLONE 05B

After a two month hiatus of tropical cyclone activity in the North Indian Ocean, the tropical disturbance that became TC05B moved into the Bay of Bengal and developed on 21 September. As the broad monsoon depression moved over open water in the Bay of Bengal and its convection increased, JTWC went directly to a Tropical Cyclone Formation Alert at 220525Z. Within the next six hours, the increased convection had organized and the Center issued the first warning at 221200Z. TC05B remained close to the shoreline of Bangladesh and India and did not intensify above 30 kt (15 m/sec). The final warning was issued by JTWC at 240000Z as the tropical cyclone dissipated over land.